



**South East LEP
RCCE meeting
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LEPs: What's our purpose?

“to provide clear vision and strategic leadership to drive sustainable private sector-led growth and job creation”

Local Growth: Realising every place's potential, 2010

A reminder...we're the biggest!





...and the most local

- SE LEP has an overarching Strategic Board but its federal structure is set up for local decision-making
- Greater Essex Business Board (GEBB)
 - Agrees local economic priorities
 - Prioritizes local projects and schemes
 - Brings together local business and council leaders

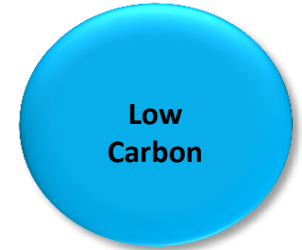
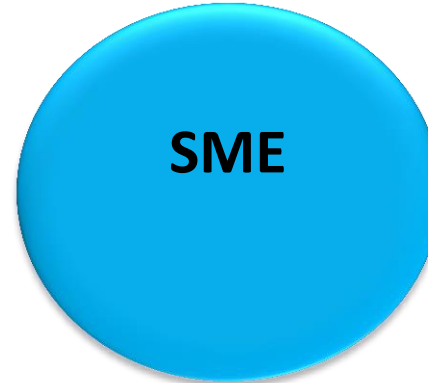
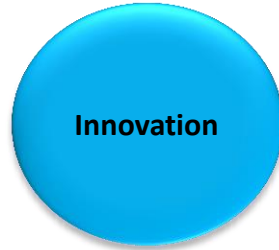


Update on the latest developments

- £488m of Growth Fund money in the SELEP area- the largest in the country
 - 45,000 new jobs
 - 23,000 homes
 - £700m public and private investment
- £22 million Skills capital awards to FE and the power to influence future provision
- Growth Hubs and Business Support
- Indicative allocation of €200+ million of EU funds

EuroMillions

ERDF



ESF



EAFRD



Indicative allocation €200 million

EAFRD: The story so far (1)

- Programme launched in Chelmsford on 21 May
- First call for applications (support for SMEs) closed 19 June
- 18 applications received and assessed by Defra
- Rural Advisory Technical Group provided advisory feedback to Defra
- Adam Scott (NFU Essex) represented SELEP rural sector as technical advisor at ESIF Committee meeting 23 July

The story so far (2)

- ESIF Committee approved 11 outline applications
- Defra/SELEP received positive feedback re handling of the EAFRD process
- Each applicant assigned a Defra advisor to act as mentor to support development of full application

Next Steps (1)

- Communication plan produced to raise profile of the programme – available on SELEP website shortly
- Wider ‘ad hoc’ rural strategy group to meet 3 times per year at rural seminars held across the SELEP area
- First seminar planned in East Sussex – information to follow ASAP
- Future calls to be decided following discussion with Defra

Next Steps (2)

- Tourism, food and support for SMEs in the frame
- Broadband, renewables and skills currently on hold
- Developing a dialogue between SELEP and LEADER
- Raise awareness of LEADER and EAFRD priorities
- Signpost applicants to relevant programmes as appropriate

SE LEP Rural Strategy

- Wider than EAFRD:
 - Rural Economy
 - Rural Communities
 - Rural Environment





Seizing opportunities

- DEFRA data
- Food Enterprise Zones
- GREAT food group
- National networks

Working at Scale

- SE Food Strategy?
 - ***Feeding London***
- SE Food Innovation Centre of Excellence?
- ***National Horticulture Strategy?***
- Water Plan?
- ***Institute for Food Security?***
- Strategic investment in Food and Drink sector?